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his stay in Rochester, Minnesota, during the middle of June, 1959.

The Minneapolis Division will make appropriate investigation at the above railroad depot to determine the reason for ALEX' call to that railroad and specifically to determine whether or not he purchased a ticket or made reservations for a trip elsewhere.

THE NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

It is noted that prior investigation at the Diner's Club, 10 Columbus Circle, New York City, determined that ALEX is the holder of Diner's Club Card No. 11C6531. In view of the fact that ALEX has just returned from an extensive vacation trip, it is requested that the Diner's Club be recontacted to determine whether or not ALEX has caused a charge to be made against his account since the date of the last contact, June 15, 1959.

THE SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

It is noted that as set out here in the enclosed report, ALEX returned to Chicago on August 3, 1959, and advised TONY ACCARDO that he had recently been in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he visited the Tropicana and stayed at the Desert Inn.

The Salt Lake City Division is requested to contact SU 370-C and any other appropriate source to verify ALEX' recent presence in Las Vegas and determine whether he made any toll calls, who he visited, and the extent of his activities in Las Vegas.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to conduct investigation regarding the current activities, etc., of GUS ALEX in conformance with Bureau letter to New York dated November 27, 1957, entitled "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, ANTI-RACKETEERING".

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INFORMANTS

CG T-1

A confidential source developed on July 26, 1959, by SAs RALPH R. HILL Jr., and WILLIAM F. ROEMER

CG T-2

RAYMOND SCHROEDER
Security Officer
Mayo Clinic,
Rochester, Minnesota
(Upon request)

Information furnished to SA ROBERT L. CARLSON of the Minneapolis Office on June 17, 1959.

CG T-3

CG 6343-C*

Information furnished to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER on July 30, July 31, August 3, August 4, 1959.

CG T-4

EDWARD L. BRAUNE
New York Telephone Company

Information furnished to SA PAUL F. ROLANDS of the New York Office on May 29, 1959.

CG T-5

CG 6272-C

Information furnished to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER on August 7, 1959.

CG T-6

SANDY SMITH
Veteran Crime Reporter
of the "Chicago Tribune"

Information furnished to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER on August 6, 1959.

CG T-7

TONY TONTINI
Maitre D'
Whitehall Club
Delaware and Rush Streets,
Chicago, Illinois

Information furnished to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER on July 20, 1959.

CG T-8

CG 6021-C

Information furnished to SA WILLIAM A. MEINCKE.

CG T-9

CG 5973-C

Information furnished to SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER on June 25, 1959.

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CG T-10

PCI

Information furnished to SA
WILLIAM J. ROEMER on July 8,
1959.

CG T-11

STANLEY DAVIS, Manager
Northwestern Bell Telephone
Company, Rochester, Minnesota

Information furnished on July
13, 1959, to SA ROBERT L. CARLSON.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER
Date: August 19, 1959

Office: CHICAGO

Field Office File #:

Bureau File #: 92-3182

Title: GUS ALEX, Aka.

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: ALEX continues to reside in Apt. 1001 at 4300 N. Marine Drive, Chicago, under the name of MIKE RYAN. ALEX' brother, SAM, is reported to operate the "enforcement arm" of the Chicago Crime Syndicate and directs syndicate killings as he, GUS, and "TOUGH TONY" CAPEZIO did in former years. ALEX underwent thorough physical examination at Mayo Clinic in June and was found to have slight heart condition. ALEX continues to be extremely nervous. 19 associates, including top hoodlums, underlings, social acquaintances, politicians, his maid and his girl friend, identified and characterized herein. ALEX described as "mechanical" killer who accomplishes killings quickly and efficiently as contrasted to WILLIE DADDANO who tortures before he kills. ALEX meets almost daily at Celano's Custom Tailors, 620 N. Michigan, Chicago, where he meets his associates and underlings associated in gambling activities. ALEX' trip to Switzerland in January may have been made for the purpose of arranging for negotiation of stolen Canadian securities. Further investigation by the Swiss Central Police Bureau at St. Moritz failed to show that ALEX was involved in \$100,000 jewel robbery there in March. ALEX continues to control the "Loop" for Chicago Crime Syndicate. ALEX reportedly owns "The Huckster's", a Chicago restaurant. Chicago Crime Syndicate hoodlums, reportedly including ALEX, maintain firearms range at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, where they frequently practice firearms. In addition to trip to Mayo Clinic, ALEX and his wife traveled to Las Vegas during period covered by this report. ALEX holds Diner's Club card but has not as yet used it. ALEX SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS DUE TO HIS DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

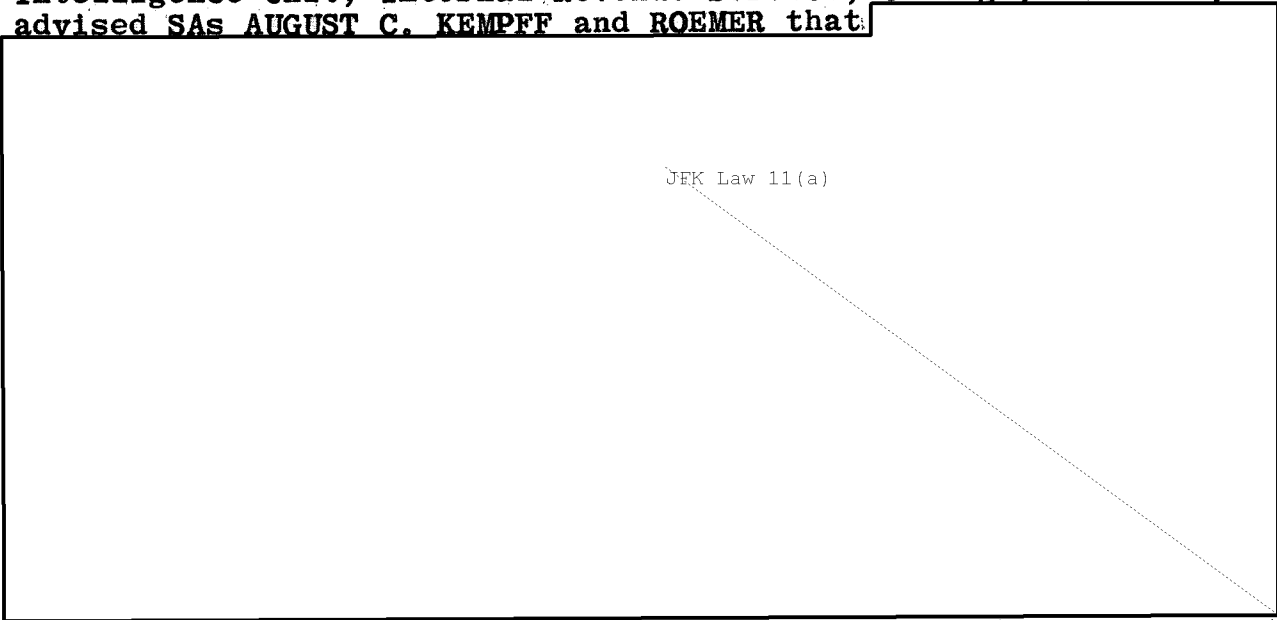
a. Residence

On August 6, 1959, A. C. JAWAREK, Manager, Murray Hill Apartments, 4300 North Marine Drive, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA WILLIAM F. ROEMER that ALEX continues to maintain Apartment 1001 at 4300 North Marine Drive, under the name of MIKE RYAN. He stated further that MARIANNE RYAN continues to reside with ALEX as his wife.

b. Relatives

SAM ALEX, Brother

On June 17, 1959, RUSSELL BARRON, Special Agent, Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Chicago, Illinois, advised SAs AUGUST C. KEMPF and ROEMER that:



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CG T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 29, 1959, that New York telephone number MU-8-6738 is listed to SUNNIE ANDERSON, 140 East 56th Street, New York City, NY. CG T-4 further advised that SUNNIE ANDERSON is employed by Model-Russel Stewart Agency, 41 East 50th Street, New York City, NY. It is noted that it has been known that SUNNIE ANDERSON is an extremely close friend of the wife of GUS ALEX and that both formerly worked together in Chicago as models. ILL

JAMES V. CELANO

CG T-3, above, advised that GUS ALEX is an extremely close friend of JAMES V. CELANO who operates Celano's Custom Tailors, 620 North Michigan, Chicago. ILL

This informant stated that ALEX has obviously made an arrangement with CELANO whereby he uses a private office at Celano's as his, ALEX', headquarters. The informant stated that this private office contains a bar, television, radio, desk, and couch. He stated that ALEX can be found almost daily, when he is in Chicago, at Celano's and that he meets at Celano's with associates of his who are top hoodlums and with his underlings who he utilizes as the leaders of Chicago Crime Syndicate activities in the First Ward of Chicago.

EDMOND M. COHEN

It is noted that when ALEX returned from his European trip on January 15, 1959, he was searched by the United States Customs Service and that among other items in his possession, was a business card showing the name of EDMOND M. COHEN, Societe Birtas. ISTANBUL TURKEY

COHEN was interviewed in Istanbul, Turkey, on July 13, 1959, where he is known as the part owner of Societe Birtas, a well known and reputable import-export firm in Istanbul. He also acts as a wholesaler, sales agent, and Government contractor. COHEN stated that he met GUS ALEX and his wife in St. Moritz, Switzerland, in January, 1958, where they were vacationing.

COHEN advised that he has had no business dealings with ALEX and their only relationship is that of friends who have met at a vacation spot. He said he knew that ALEX was of Greek origin and was engaged in the beer business in Chicago. COHEN said that he and ALEX met again in the winter of 1959 when both were again traveling to St. Moritz. COHEN stated that one thing which struck him about ALEX was his very strong feelings about his mother whom he used to call regularly in Chicago from Switzerland. COHEN reported that ALEX was planning to come to Athens with his mother in May of 1959, but COHEN does not know whether or not he did come as he has not heard from ALEX since last winter.

~~JOHN D'ARCO~~

Previous information has been reported concerning the close association which exists between JOHN D'ARCO and GUS ALEX. D'ARCO is the alderman of the First Ward of the City of Chicago.

JAMES BRUNER, who furnished information concerning the list of names on the person of SAM GIANCANA when he was searched by customs agents in Chicago on June 15, 1959, as set out in detail above under the caption "Relatives", advised that one of the names on this list was the name JOHN D'ARCO.

On July 21, 1959, SAs JOHN W. ROBERTS Jr. and ROEMER contacted JOHN D'ARCO, Alderman, First Ward, City of Chicago, at his offices on the 23rd Floor of 100 North LaSalle Street, Chicago. *JLL*

D'ARCO was told that when SAM "MOONEY" GIANCANA returned from Mexico on June 15, 1959, it was learned that he was carrying a piece of paper on which was contained the names of approximately 15 of the major hoodlums in this city along with the name of JOHN D'ARCO and BUDDY JOCOBSON, his secretary. D'ARCO was told that the Agents had come to him, as a man in a position of public trust, in order to learn from him the significance of this list.

D'ARCO stated that he had no idea as to the meaning of this list. He said this is the first he heard of it. Several times during the interview he stated that "a lot of people carry my name around and I can't be responsible for what it means".

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VIVIANE GREYMOUR

It is noted that when ALEX was searched by the United States Customs Service on January 15, 1959, at Idlewild Airport in New York City upon his return from Europe, a business card of one VIVIANE GREYMOUR was found in the possession of ALEX and his wife.

Mr. GEORGE CLOT, Prefecture of Police, Paris, France, advised on June 30, 1959, that investigation has disclosed that VIVIANE GREYMOUR is the Style Editor of "Le Figaro" newspaper, one of the leading newspapers of Paris. He advised that since Miss GREYMOUR is a journalist, it is not considered advisable to interview her regarding her association with MARIANNE or GUS ALEX. He suggested that adverse publicity could result from such an interview.

OREN HUPP

When the ALEXs returned from Europe on January 15, 1959, an address book maintained at that time by MARIANNE ALEX contained the following notation:

~~OREN HUPP~~, Box 274, Rural Route 2, Chesterton, Indiana.

On May 26, 1959, Sergeant JOHN MOO, Indiana State Police, advised SA DONALD H. LOTZ a check of his records failed to locate a record for one OREN HUPP.

On June 23, 1959, Chief of Police ALVIN HJELM, Chesterton Police Department, Chesterton, Indiana, EDWARD BUCHANAN, Sheriff, Porter County, Sergeant RANDY MANN, Valparaiso Police Department, and Miss MYRTLE BUNDY, Porter County Credit Bureau, Valparaiso, Indiana, advised SA LOTZ that a check of their records failed to reflect a record for one OREN HUPP.

On July 8, 1959, Mr. IRVIN DOLK, Postmaster, Chesterton, Indiana, advised SA LOTZ that he has been acquainted with OREN HUPP for approximately the past two years. He stated that HUPP during this time has been employed by the Taylor Forge Company, Gary, Indiana. Mr. DOLK stated that he knows nothing derogatory in regards to HUPP; however, he is not well acquainted with HUPP.

CG T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA ROEMER on June 25, 1959, that he has learned that GUS ALEX went to Switzerland recently, within the past five or six months, in order to arrange for the negotiation of Canadian securities there. He said that the ostensible purpose of ALEX' visit was for a vacation and skiing trip, but that he was actually there carrying out the request of hoodlums in Canada who had somehow obtained these securities. The informant stated that he understands that ALEX "botched" the job and was unable to arrange for disposal of the securities as was expected. The hoodlums who were interested, therefore, were unhappy with ALEX and refused to reimburse him for his trip.

The informant stated that he was unable to furnish any more information regarding this. He was unable to advise as to how the Canadian hoodlums obtained the securities, the nature of the securities or how ALEX was endeavoring to dispose of them.

CG T-9 was asked for the source of his information regarding this. He stated that he has many contacts whom he believes to be involved in hoodlum operations but whom he does not know by name. He said that one of these is the source for the above. He said he believes the information authoritative but could add nothing more.

On June 18, 1959, Dr. ALFRED CARREL, Swiss Central Police Bureau, Bern, Switzerland, reported that investigation at St. Moritz, Switzerland, has failed to show that GUS ALEX was in that locality during March, 1959. Further, additional inquiry by the Swiss has revealed that it appears improbable that subject was involved in the burglary of a jewelry shop at St. Moritz, Switzerland, March 4, 1959. The Swiss now believe that this burglary was the work of Italian hoodlums.

CG T-5, above, advised on August 7, 1959, that GUS ALEX continues to control the First Ward of the City of Chicago for the Chicago Crime Syndicate. He stated that nothing of an illegal nature operates on an organized basis in the First Ward without the approval of GUS ALEX. He stated further that

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The following informants are furnishing current information regarding ALEX:

CG 6343-C*
CG 6272-C
CG 5973-C
CG 6021-C

The following informants have furnished recent information concerning ALEX but none during the period covered by instant report:

CG 6232-C
CG 6308-C
CG 6241-C
CG 6215-C

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In addition to the above, PCI has furnished current information concerning ALEX.

It is noted that CG 6343-C* is in a position to furnish almost daily information concerning the activities of ALEX. This informant is in a position to cover meetings of ALEX at his headquarters at Celano's Custom Tailors, 620 North Michigan, where ALEX meets with other top hoodlums and subordinates on an almost daily basis.

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